

January 7, 2014 **January Council**

The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Henaman, O'Brien, T Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Higley and citizens.

Agenda was posted by the clerk. The agenda will stand as the order of the meeting.

Minutes of the December 3, 2013 council meeting were pre-read and reviewed.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Financial Statement and Bills were discussed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$200,695.65; Water Department \$20,731.93; Sewer Department \$40,591.77; TIF Fund \$35,378.472; Net payroll \$27,128.55. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment: William Sweda asked if all city employees were evaluated, including police and fire departments. Mayor Schmidt told Mr Sweda that all city employees were evaluated this past December and that Chief Gosse would be responsible to evaluate his employees. Sweda also asked if he could get an annual report from the Colby Fire Department like he has for the Thorp Fire Department. He would like to see all the departments get along. Sweda also asked if anything has been decided with the drug dog not the Brian Rennie's last day was in December.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on December 9th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Holiday gift for employees: The commission approved giving Chamber Bucks to the employees in the amount of \$25.00.

The Chief's report was given. Chief Gosse informed the Commission that Officer Rennie has resigned and his last day of work will be December 28th, he is leaving to work for Clark County Sheriff's Department. It was stated that at this time it is unknown how the K-9 will be handled as Clark County has offered to purchase the dog.

Chief Gosse reported that there was minor damage to the 2012 Chevy. Officer Schreiber was making a lane change and struck another vehicle. Chief Gosse has spoken to the owner of the other car and is unsure if the damage will be greater than the insurance deductible.

Chief Gosse stated that he posted Officer Rennie's job opening today with the State of Wisconsin and is requesting that applications be submitted on or before January 10, 2013; in time for the next Police Commission meeting. The Chief will set criteria for a K-9 Officer as it was stated that the dog is young enough and could be retrained with a new officer. It was stated that the dog cannot go inactive during the transition. B. Gosse questioned if Colby-Abbotsford would need a dog if Clark County purchases the existing dog as there would be two dogs working for the County based in our area. It was felt that the Commission should be able to recover the cost of the dog in selling the dog to Clark County as the dog is already trained with Officer Rennie. The Commission gave Chairman T. Schraufnagel the authority to work with Chief Gosse and Clark County to negotiate a price with Clark County.

The commission met in closed session to discuss wages/benefits for Chief Gosse and Police Secretary Sandy Kocian. The commission re-convened in open session and approved a pay increase of 1% for Chief Gosse and a \$.29 per hour increase for Secretary Sandy Kocian.

Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Schmidt to offer Police Secretary Sandy Kocian a \$0.29 per hour increase effective 1/1/2014. Motion carried with a voice vote. Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Schmidt to grant Chief Gosse a 1% wage increase. Motion carried with a voice vote – Hederer, Kaiser and Oestreich voted no. (2014 Rates: Chief Gosse \$2,278.06 per pay period without longevity pay and Kocian \$17.40 per hour)

It was stated that in the past the Chief has issued a Request for Application for the vacant position. The Chief then screens the applications, issues a written test and scores the results and ultimately narrows down the pool to potential applicants to be interviewed. The Commission then conducts the interviews and provides the Chief a pool of potential hires. Before final hire the chosen applicant will undergo a drug test, a physical, and a psychological examination. Chief Gosse stated that he will fill in the interim with part time help.

Public Works Committee met on December 23rd.

2014 South 1st Street Project: The progress of the upcoming project was discussed.

Test Wells/Well Development: Raatz had sent in two test samples at the end of August from the test wells, one on East Wausau St and the other on Jefferson St. We did get some results back from the lab last week. DPW Higley and Raatz went over the test results with the committee. The East Wausau street test well produced 40 gallons per minute, whereas the Jefferson St test well produced 50 gallons per minute. Based on the water sample test results the test well on Jefferson St would need a treatment plant built on the site to treat the water before it can go out. The committee questioned the feasibility of putting up a treatment plant. Raatz commented that we are at capacity at our current treatment plant; one way or the other we are going to have to expand. The committee questioned whether we should still purchase the property off of Jefferson St and just hold on to it for the foreseeable future. Based on the test results from the test well, the committee decided that the property off of East Wausau St is worth purchasing and pursuing. The city will need to obtain a variance from the DNR because of the location of the test well in relation to the Kwik Trip Property. DPW Higley will talk to MSA about developing the wells further. He will also look into the cost of a building/treatment plant on the Jefferson St test well. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O'Brien to purchase the property on East Wausau Street for well development for \$5,000 plus closing costs from Dennis Beisner. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Logging City Property: DPW Higley filled the committee in on the progress of the logging.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt reported on the meeting of the Clark County Economic Development Corporation.

Clerk Gurtner: Clerk Gurtner thanked the council for Chamber Gift Certificate. Gurtner reported on the tax rates and tax collections. She also reported that the auditors are here this week.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: Lee Kaschinska, 506 E Terrace St, interior remodel, replace paneling with drywall.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for December 2013 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for December 2013.

Engineer Jeremy Haas: He has information for DPW Higley about the well development that can be discussed at the next Public Works meeting.

Operator License: The following application was received for approval: Tara Rutledge, 229 Park Street, Colby – motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Hederer to approve. Motion carried.

Resolution 1-2014 Approving Amendments to the 2013 Budget: Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to approve Resolution 1-2014 as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

RESOLUTION 1-2014
APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2013 BUDGET

WHEREAS, certain authorized expenditures within the adopted 2013 Annual Budget need to be reallocated; and

WHEREAS, according to Wisconsin Statutes no appropriations may remain overexpended at year end within the annual budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Colby that the 2013 budget be amended as follows:

Reallocation Expenses as follows:

100-51930 Insurance Premiums -\$4,000.00
100-51002 SS City Share -\$1,000.00
100-59204 Contingency -\$7,000.00
100-56300 Planning/Grant Writing -\$1,000.00
100-53420 Street Lighting +\$13,000.00

Adopted this 7th day of January, 2014.

James W Schmidt, Mayor
Connie L Gurtner, City Clerk

Resolution 2-2014 Resolution For Inclusion Under the Income Continuation Insurance Plan: Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve Resolution 2-2014 as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

A RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION UNDER THE
INCOME CONTINUATION INSURANCE PLAN

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Colby that pursuant to the provisions of Section 40.61 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the City Council hereby determines to offer the Income Continuation Insurance Plan to eligible personnel through the program of the State of Wisconsin Group Insurance Board, and agrees to abide by the terms of the plan as set forth in the contract between the Group Insurance Board and the Administrator.

The resolution shall be effective on the later of the 1st of the month on or after 90 days following its receipt at the Department of Employee Trust Funds, or April 1, 2014; and

The proper officers are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and make salary deductions for premiums and submit payments required by the State of Wisconsin Group Insurance Board to provide such Income Continuation Insurance.

Mayor James W Schmidt
Clerk Connie Gurtner

Committee meetings for January: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on January 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Public Works Committee will meet on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 5:45 P.M. City Planning Committee will meet on January 29, 2014 at 6:15 P.M.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk